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**Supplemental  
Notice of Allowability**

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Examiner

Qing-Yuan Wu

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/30/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7, 9-11 and 13-22.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date 5/30/07.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

  
WILLIAM THOMSON  
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

### SUPPLMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for the supplemental examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Seth H. Ostrow, Reg. No. 37,410 to cancel claims 23-29 and 31-33; and to further amend claims 11 and 21 in the fax supplemental amendment submitted by applicant on May 25, 2007 as follow:

3. As to claim 11:

A thread ~~consistency support~~ management system comprising a thread consistency support system and a restrictive back-end system for providing thread consistency between a multi-threaded application and a thread-dependent connector allocated in [[a]] the restrictive back-end system, wherein the thread-dependent connector only supports a single thread to link to that connector for operations on the thread-dependent connector, and wherein the multi-threaded application creates multiple threads that attempt to access the connector, the system comprising at least one processing device operative to provide:

an arbiter layer positioned between the multi-threaded application and the thread-dependent connector, the arbiter layer being configured to receive multiple threads from the multi-threaded application and to produce a single internal thread by mapping each of the

multiple threads from the arbiter layer to the thread-dependent connector upon which operations of each of the multiple threads are performed; and

an activation detector that activates the arbiter layer in response to the activation detector detecting a multi-threaded application attempting to access the restrictive back-end system.

4. As to claim 21:

A thread ~~consistency support~~ management system comprising a thread consistency support system and a restrictive back-end system for providing thread consistency from a connector application program interface that creates multiple threads to a thread-dependent connector that only allows a single thread to link to that thread-dependent connector for all operations on that thread-dependent connector by mapping each of the multiple threads to the single thread, the system comprising at least one processing device operative to provide:

a threading meta-connector interacting between the connector application program interface and the thread-dependent connector, wherein the threading meta-connector establishes a connection handle for a single internal thread with the thread-dependent connector that is returned to the connector application program interface of a calling multi-threaded application in place of connection handles requested for multiple application threads, in response to the threading meta-connector's receipt of multiple application threads from the connector application program interface; and

an activation detector that activates the threading meta-connector in response to the activation detector identifying a multi-threaded application attempting to access a thread-dependent connector;

thereby ensuring that the single internal thread that initializes a connection from the thread-dependent connector is used for all subsequent operations attempted by the multiple application threads from the multi-threaded application to that thread-dependent connector.

### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

5. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

The prior art of record does not expressly teach or render obvious, in the context of the claims taken as a whole, the invention as recited in independent claims 1, 11 and 21-22.

6. Connection sharing among multiple threads (subtasks) through a thread-dependent connection was uncovered in U.S. Patent 6,314,430 (Chang). The mapping of multiple threads with a single thread was uncovered in U.S. Patent 6,301,676 (Kumar et al) [col. 4, lines 13-16; 207-208, Fig. 2]. However, the reference taken alone or in combination do not expressly teach or render obvious, in the context of the claims taken as a whole, the invention as recited in independent claims 1, 11 and 21-22.

Nor was a reference uncovered that would have provided a basis of evidence for asserting a motivation that one of ordinary skill level in the art at the time the invention was made, knowing connection sharing among multiple threads (subtasks) through a thread-dependent connection, and mapping of multiple threads with a single thread would have combined the prior art of record to arrived at the present invention as recited in the context of independent claims 1, 11 and 21-22.

7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Qing-Yuan Wu whose telephone number is (571) 272-3776. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am-6:00pm Monday-Thursday and alternate Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Thomson can be reached on (571) 272-3718. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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